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1. With the completion of the railroad tunnel at Liberec, the double-track line between Turnov and Liberec in northern Bohemia is ready for use.
2. A railroad tunnel at Margecany (R49/E16) is under construction, but will probably not be finished before June 1952. The engineering of this tunnel is incompetent and the workers' morale is low; transport officials are disappointed in the slow progress being made. It is planned that the tunnel will be three and one-half kilometers long, eleven meters wide and eight meters high and will carry a double-track line. On 1 October 1951 only 700 meters of the tunnel had been completed. In order to speed the work subsidiary galleries are being driven into the sides of the projected tunnel in order to permit work from four or six faces at once.*

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* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] a tunnel was being built at Kysak to "shorten the Margecany-Kosice-Presov railroad line". It is believed that the tunnel reported above was the one referred to in the earlier report. Earlier reports have indicated that plans were being made during the summer of 1950 for the construction of a double-track line between Margecany and Kosice by way of Kosty and Kosticka Bela (R49/E25) to replace the line through Kysak which would be flooded by the construction of the Hornad River power project. It was considered impossible to lay a second track on the Margecany-Kysak line because of the nature of the terrain and the proximity of the line to the river.

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